

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**July 29, 2003**

**FROM: THOMAS R. LAURIN, DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH MORONGO BASIN UNITY HOME, INC., TO PROVIDE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SUPPORT SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve contract with Morongo Basin Unity Home, Inc., a non-profit organization, in the amount of \$26,500 to provide domestic violence shelter support services to qualifying individuals and children who are victims of domestic violence from the City of Twentynine Palms and the Town of Yucca Valley and unincorporated communities in the Morongo Basin area of the First and Third Supervisorial Districts, for the period of August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Each year the County receives an entitlement grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to allow the funding activities that benefit low-and moderate-income persons. During the preparation of the County's annual CDBG program application, interested groups, including community based organizations, submit applications to receive funding on specific projects. After an initial evaluation by ECD concerning CDBG program eligibility, project proposals are submitted to the Board of Supervisors for funding consideration. The list of approved project proposals is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the form of an annual CDBG Action Plan under the County's five-year Consolidated Plan.

On April 15, 2003, the County Board of Supervisors approved the updated 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and the 2003-2004 Action Plan, and as part of that Action Plan, allocated \$26,500 of CDBG funds for the Morongo Basin Unity Home to provide domestic violence shelter support services to qualifying individuals and children who are victims of domestic violence from the City of Twentynine Palms, the Town of Yucca Valley, and unincorporated communities in the Morongo Basin area of the First and Third Supervisorial Districts. Under this contract, approximately ninety-six (96) qualifying individuals and children who are victims of domestic violence will receive services such as emergency transportation, program intake and assessment, emergency shelter, and domestic violence counseling.

The contract specifies the terms and assurances necessary for compliance with the County requirements and CDBG regulations. The CDBG funding represents approximately 8.8% of the Morongo Basin Unity Home budget for providing these services. The Morongo Basin Unity Home has provided these services since FY 1982-83.

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REVIEW BY OTHERS: The contract was reviewed and approved by Deputy County Counsel Michelle D. Blakemore on July 15, 2003; the Department of Economic and Community Development's Contract Compliance Designee, David Larsen on July 9, 2003; and the County Administrative Office, Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III on July 18, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: CDBG funds in the amount of \$26,500 have been allocated to this project and are included in the Department's FY 2003-2004 budget (SBA-ECD-PROJ). This action has no effect on the County General Fund.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal and recommends this action based on this contract being fully funded by CDBG federal funds for fiscal year 2003-04.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

PRESENTER: Thomas R. Laurin, Director, 388-0808.

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